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On instructions from my Government, I transmit to you herewith a statistical summary of Israeli violations committed from 15 to 30 September 2008 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 15, and of the Security Council.

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Israeli violations, acts of aggression and other activities from 15 to 30 September 2008

Air violations

On 15 September 2008, between 1200 and 1245 hours, Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Dayr Mimas. They circled over all areas of Lebanon before leaving over Alma al-Sha`b.

On 16 September 2008:

- Between 1030 and 1130 hours, Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace over the occupied Shab`a Farms. They circled over areas of the South, the Western Bekaa and the Shuf, making mock attacks over the South before leaving over Alma al-Sha`b;
- Between 2030 and 2150 hours, an Israeli reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over areas of the South before leaving over Kafr Killa.

On 17 September 2008:

- Between 0752 and 2330 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace over Naqurah, flying north. It circled over Beirut, the South, and the areas of Riyaq and Baalbek before leaving over Dayr Mimas;
- Between 1003 and 1025 hours, two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh and flying north as far as Shikka. They then left over Kafr Killa;
- Between 1035 and 1130 hours, two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa and flying north as far as Shikka. They circled between Shikka and the South before leaving over Rumaysh.

On 19 September 2008, between 1927 and 2315 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese air space, entering over Aytarun. It circled over areas of the South before leaving over Naqurah.

On 20 September 2008:

- Between 1620 and 1700 hours, Israeli enemy warplanes flew over the area of Hasbayya;
- Between 1945 and 2200 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha`b. It circled over areas of the South before leaving over Rumaysh.

On 21 September 2008, at 1250 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over areas of the South before leaving on 22 September 2008 at 0140 hours over Alma al-Sha`b.

On 22 September 2008:

- Between 0700 and 2050 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over areas of the South before leaving over Alma al-Sha'b;

- Between 1940 and 2215 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over the South before leaving over Alma al-Sha'b.

On 23 September 2008:

- Between 0800 and 1305 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over areas of the South before leaving over Alma al-Sha'b;

- Between 1010 and 1040 hours and later between 1505 and 1545 hours, an Israeli enemy warplane flew over the areas of Bint Jubayl and Tibnin;

- At 1345 hours an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Bint Jubayl. It circled over the South before leaving on 24 September 2008 at 0025 hours over the sea off Naqurah;

- Between 1610 and 2350 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over areas of the South before leaving over Rumaysh;

- Between 1725 and 1815 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft flew over Bint Jubayl and Tibnin.

On 24 September 2008:

- Between 0210 and 0215 hours, Israeli enemy warplanes flew over Lebanese territorial waters off Ra's al-Naqurah and released a heat balloon;

- Between 1105 and 1835 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b and flying north as far as Baalbek. It circled over Riyaq and Baalbek and between Beirut and the South before leaving over Naqurah;

- Between 1600 and 2230 hours an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Aytarun and flying north. It circled over areas of the South before leaving over Alma al-Sha'b;

- At 1950 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b and flying north as far as Beirut. It circled between Beirut and the South and over Riyaq and Baalbek before leaving on 25 September 2008 at 0115 hours over Naqurah;

- At 2030 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Aytarun and flying north. It circled over the South and then left on 25 September 2008 at 0315 hours over Naqurah.

On 25 September 2008:

- Between 0305 and 0540 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh and flying north. It circled over areas of the South and then left over Rumaysh;

- Between 0750 and 2340 hours, an Israeli reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the South, over Riyaq and Baalbek and between Khaldah and the South before leaving over Rumaysh;

- Between 0800 and 1140 hours, an Israeli reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha`b and flying north as far as Khaldah. It circled over Khaldah and the South before leaving over Rumaysh;

- At 2330 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over areas of the South before leaving on 26 September 2008 at 0710 hours over Alma al-Sha`b.

On 26 September 2008:

- Between 0725 and 0910 hours, Israeli enemy warplanes flew over the occupied Shab`a Farms;

- Between 0700 and 1100 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over areas of the South before leaving over Alma al-Sha`b;

- At 1815 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha`b. It circled over areas of the South and left, on 27 September 2008 at 0135 hours over Rumaysh.

On 29 September 2008, between 0700 and 1100 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha`b and flying north. It circled over areas of the South and over Beirut before leaving over Alma al-Sha`b.

Sea violations

On 16 September 2008, at 1940 hours, off Ra's al-Naqurah inside occupied Palestinian waters, an Israeli enemy military launch shone a searchlight for five seconds towards Lebanese territorial waters.

On 19 September 2008:

- At 0230 hours, off Ra's al-Naqurah inside occupied Palestinian waters, an Israeli military launch directed a searchlight for 10 seconds towards Lebanese territorial waters;

- At 0335 hours, the same launch fired several rounds of medium-machine-gun fire towards Lebanese territorial waters.

On 26 September 2008, at 0530 hours, in the open sea off Ra's al-Naqurah inside occupied Palestinian territorial waters, an Israeli enemy military launch directed a searchlight for half a minute towards Lebanese territorial waters.

On 29 September 2008, at 2345 hours, in the open off Ra's al-Naqurah inside occupied Palestinian territorial waters, an Israeli enemy military launch shone searchlights for two minutes towards Lebanese territorial waters.

Acts of aggression in the field

On 15 September 2008, between 1830 and 2010 hours, the Israeli enemy discharged light-machine-gun fire inside its position in occupied Palestinian territory opposite the villages of Ramiya and 'Ayta al-Sha'b. Several bursts of gunfire were heard above the villages of Ramiya and Fawzah. Nobody was injured.

- The Israeli enemy directed a searchlight from the Zar'it barracks towards the Marwahin-Jabal Balat triangle, on two occasions, the first for two minutes at 2020 hours and the second for three minutes at 2307 hours.

On 17 September 2008:

- Between 1900 and 1925 hours, while the Israeli enemy was firing medium machine-guns in the area around its position inside occupied Palestinian territory, the noise of gunfire was heard in the air above the village of Ramiya;
- Between 2050 and 2210 hours, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight from its position in the Zar'it barracks towards the Marwahin-Jabal Balat triangle, on two occasions, in each case for a period of two minutes.

On 29 September 2008, at 1330 hours, opposite the town of Rumaysh, a Merkava tank at a distance of 200 metres from the Blue Line aimed its gun at the Lebanese army position and shortly thereafter a patrol arrived comprising two Hummer vehicles with six people on board who began to shout at two Lebanese shepherds who were close to the Blue Line.

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On instructions from my Government, I transmit to you herewith a statistical table of the violations committed by Israel by air, sea and land during the month of September 2008 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 15, and of the Security Council.

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Statistical table showing Israeli violations during September 2008

Air violations				*Sea violations*	*Land violations*				*Overall total*	*Previous month's violations*
					Military acts of aggression	*Field violations*	*Breaches*	*Total*		
Military jet	**Reconnaissance**	**Helicopter**	**Total**	Crossing of territorial waters, and firing of automatic-weapons rounds, flares and flare shells over territorial waters	Air raids, artillery shelling, shelling of military positions and important posts, attacks on and killing of civilians	Gunfire, launching of flare shells, dropping of artillery shells, infiltration and crossing of international borders	Threats and display of weapons, bulldozing of soil, placing of barbed wire and setting up of installations inside Lebanese territory			
16	**42**	**—**	**58**	**9**	**—**	**33**	**—**	**33**	**100**	**61**